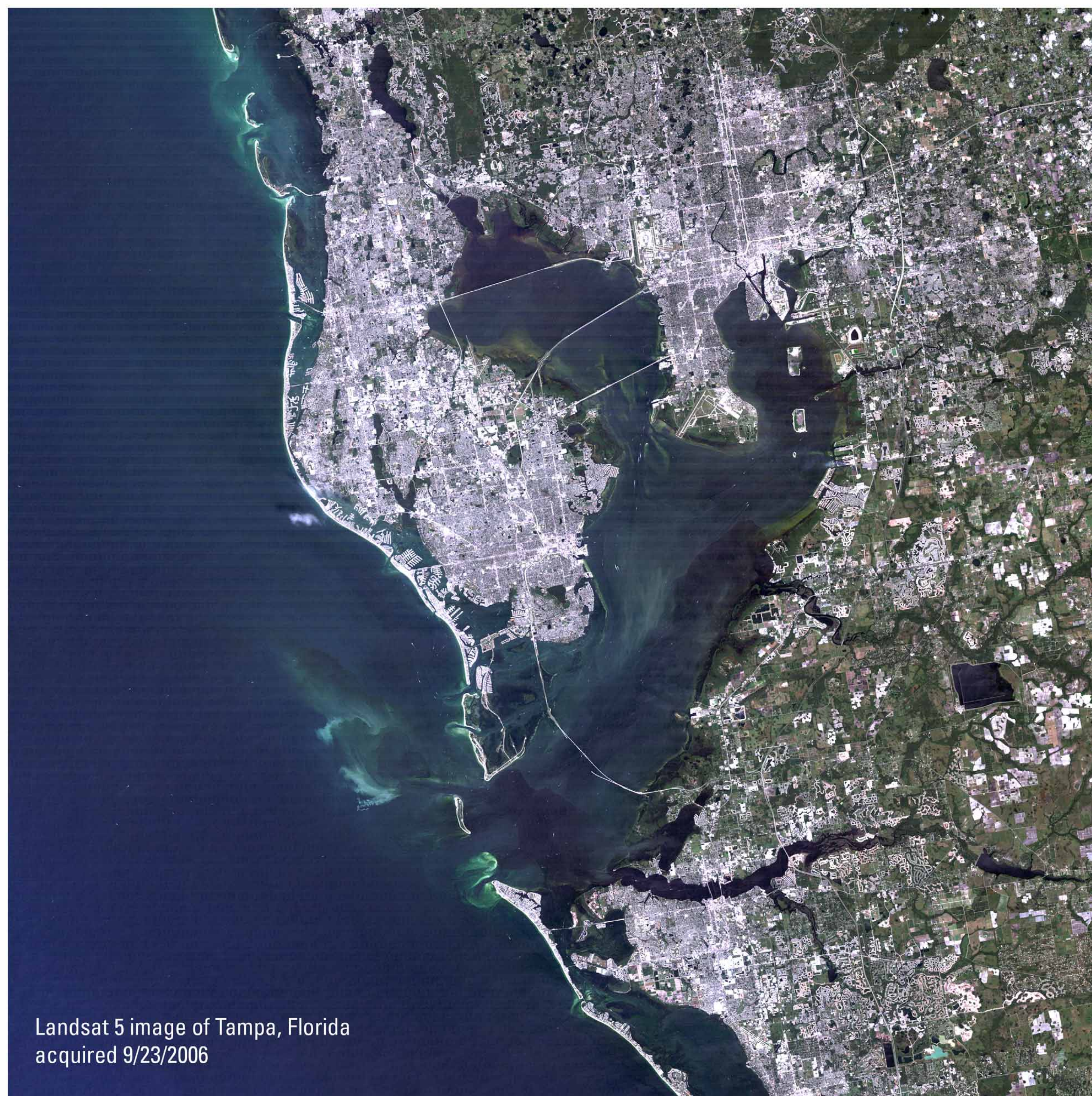


Landsat 5 – 120,000 Orbit Celebration



Landsat 5 image of Tampa, Florida
acquired 11/13/1984



Landsat 5 image of Tampa, Florida
acquired 9/23/2006

These images show the increased urban sprawl of the Tampa, Florida area from November, 1984 to September, 2006.

The World in 1984

- Landsat 5 launched on March 1st.
- Ronald Reagan was President of the United States.
- French scientists isolate the virus that causes AIDS.
- The Soviet Union withdrew from the Los Angeles Summer Olympics.
- “Karma Chameleon” by the Culture Club reached number 2 on the music charts.
- “Dynasty” was the most watched TV show.
- Desmond Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize.



Landsat 5 Now

Landsat 5, the satellite that keeps going and going and going, completed its 120,000th orbit on September 23, 2006. That equates to approximately 3.1 **billion** miles traveled. Originally scheduled for a 5-year mission Landsat 5 is now in its 22nd year and still provides valuable data to the scientific community.